

Application Serial No: 10/715,686  
Responsive to the Office Action mailed on: April 19, 2007

### **REMARKS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 19, 2007. Claim 21 is amended editorially and is supported, for example, in the specification in Figure 1. No new matter is added. Claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27-29 and 31-42 are pending.

#### **§102 Rejections:**

Claims 21, 22, 24 and 25 are rejected as being anticipated by Sawase (US Patent No. 6,014,231). This rejection is traversed.

Claim 21 is directed to an assembly that requires, among other features, a casing and a light conductor that includes a first portion housed in the casing at least partially, a second portion projecting out of the casing beyond any portion of the casing. For at least these reasons claim 21 is not suggested by Sawase.

Sawase is directed to an image sensor that includes a cylindrical lens (4) and a frame (2). The rejection interprets the cylindrical (4) and the frame (2) as the light conductor and the casing, respectively, of claim 21. However, even accepting this interpretation arguendo, nowhere does Sawase disclose or suggest a second portion of the lens (4) projecting out of the casing (2) beyond any portion of the casing (2) as required by the second portion of the light conductor housed in the casing in claim 21. For at least these reasons claim 21 is not suggested by Sawase and should be allowed. Claims 22, 24 and 25 depend from claim 21 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

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Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27-29 and 31-42 are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.



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